

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 6 and ending on page 8, line 21 with the following paragraph:

Ink-receptive card member 46 is ready to receive an image on ink-receptive surface 40 to produce an identification card. Preferably, ink-receptive card member 46 is sized for use in an identification card printer that utilizes an ink jet printhead to print the image to surface 40. Accordingly, when card member 38 is a sheet of card substrate material, ink-receptive card member 46 must be cut into individual card substrates prior to use in an identification card printer. Such cutting of ink-receptive card member 46 can be conducted either prior to the removing step ~~46-44~~ or after. In order to provide protection to ink-receptive surface 40 during transport and handling of ink-receptive card member 46, the removing step 44 should be delayed until just prior to the use of ink-receptive card member 46.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 10 and ending on page 10, line 5 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with another embodiment of the present invention, an image is printed to surface 60 (FIG. 3) of ink-receptive coating 32 of material 30 prior to the laminating step 42 while ink-receptive coating 32 remains adhered to backing layer 34. Preferably, the image is reverse-printed to allow for the proper viewing of alphanumeric symbols through the substantially transparent layer of ink-receptive coating 32 once it is laminated to surface 40 of card member 38. The layer of ink-receptive coating 32 operates to protect the printed image from the environment. Additionally, this embodiment of the invention also provides greater security from alteration. Backing layer 34

can remain attached to ink-receptive coating 32 following the laminating step 42 (removing step 46—44 not performed) to provide additional protection thereto. Accordingly, it may be necessary to trim portions of backing layer 34 that overhang edges of card member 38 and the ink-receptive coating attached thereto to complete the formation of an identification card. Additionally, ink-receptive material 30 can include an adhesion promoter (e.g., a primer or an adhesive) between backing layer 34 and ink-receptive coating 32 to ensure that backing layer 34 remains attached to ink-receptive coating 32.